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WHOA... FEELS LIKE I DOZED OFF FOR A MINUTE THERE...! WHAT WAS I DOING AGAIN?...
Genesis
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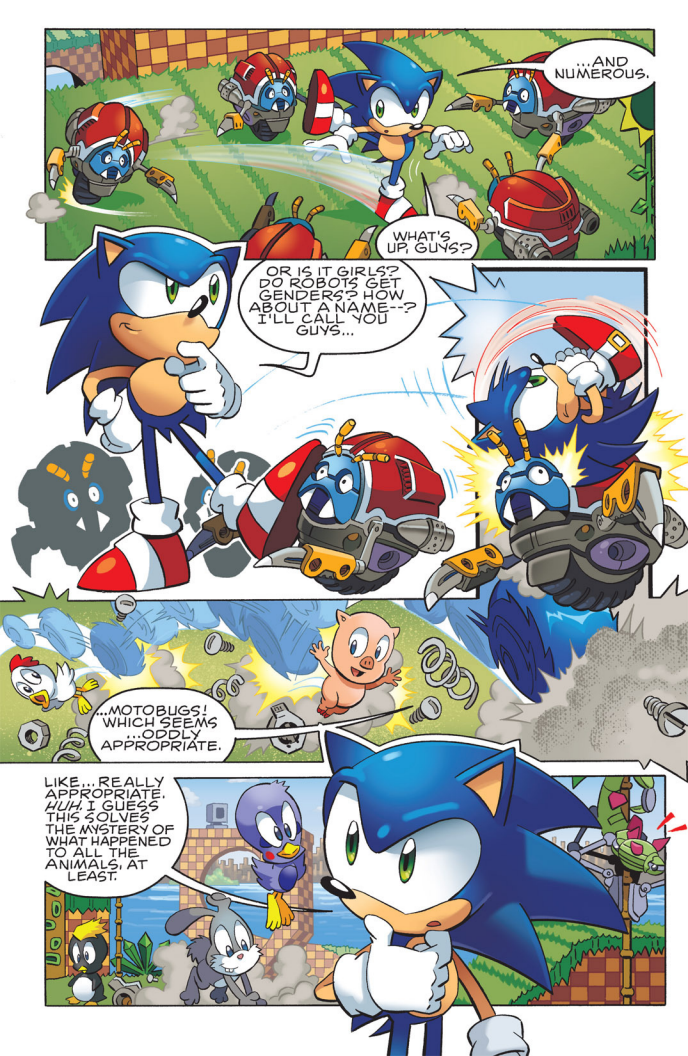
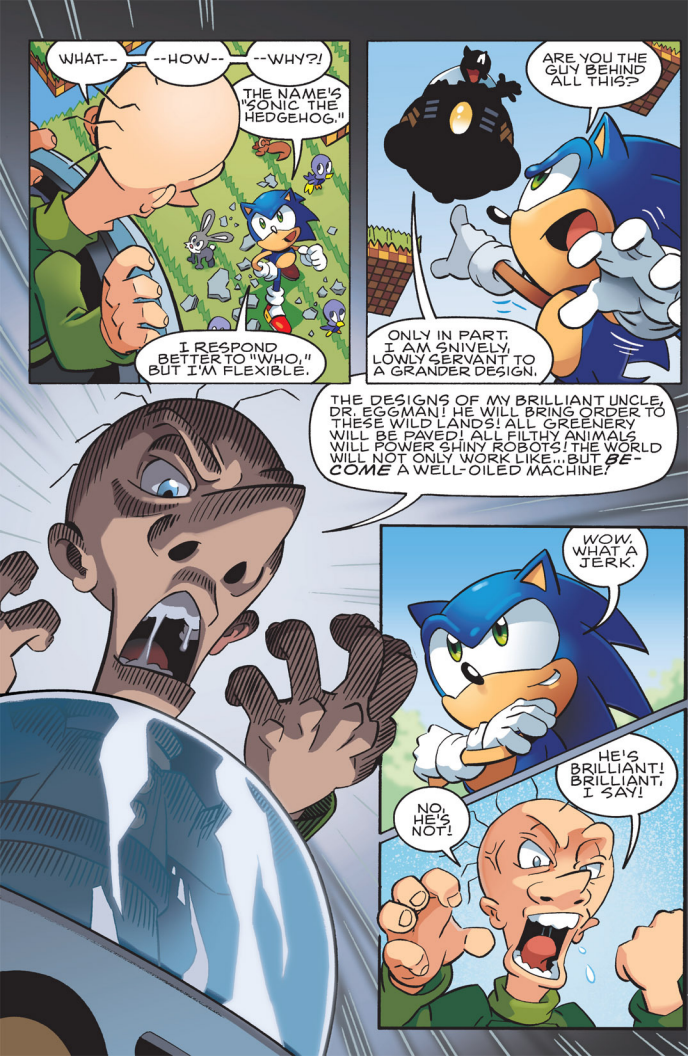
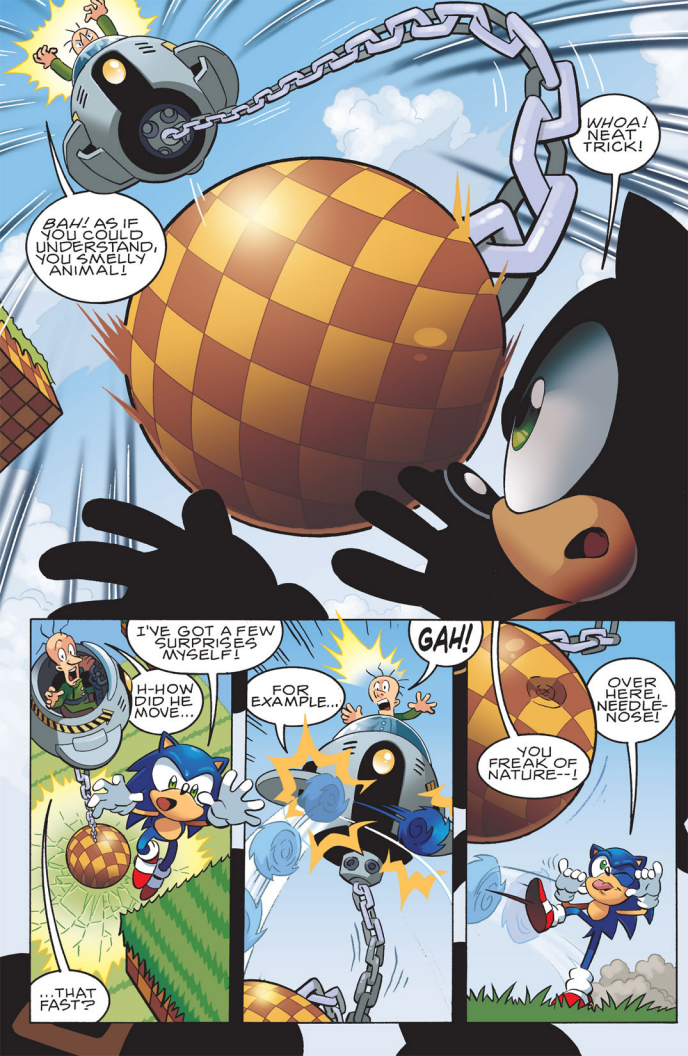
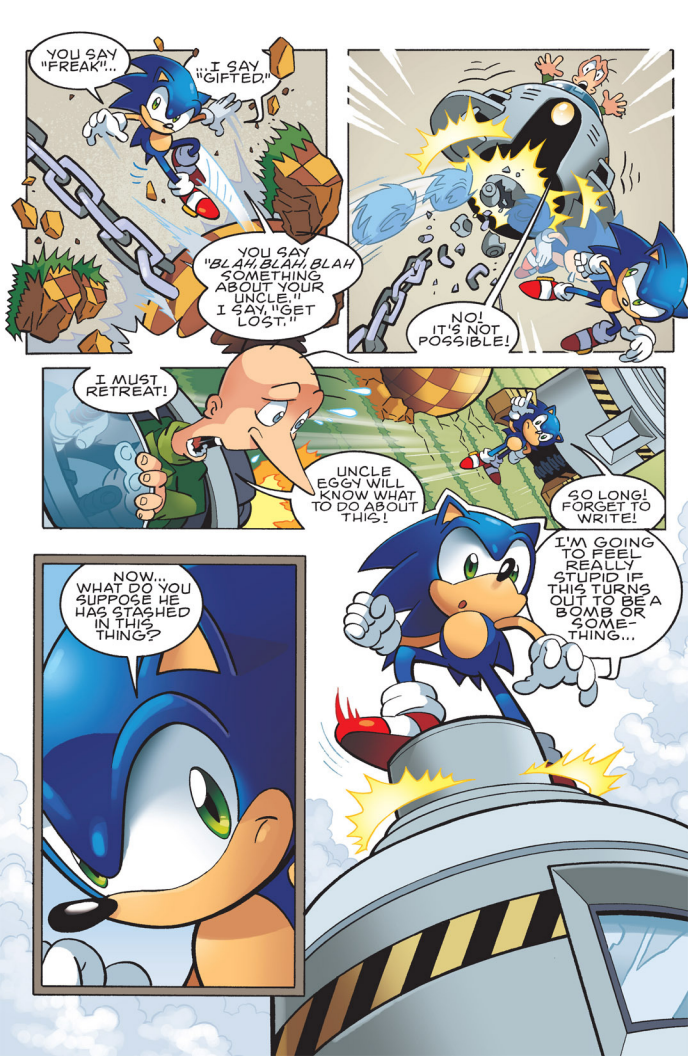
THAT'S RIGHT. DUDES ARE MISSING, AS WELL AS A TON OF ANIMALS...!
AND I'M JUST THE HEDGEHOG TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON!
I DON'T THINK EVERYONE DECIDED TO MIGRATE OR GO ON A VACA--
YOW! WHAT'S THAT?!
BESIDES UNFRIENDLY.

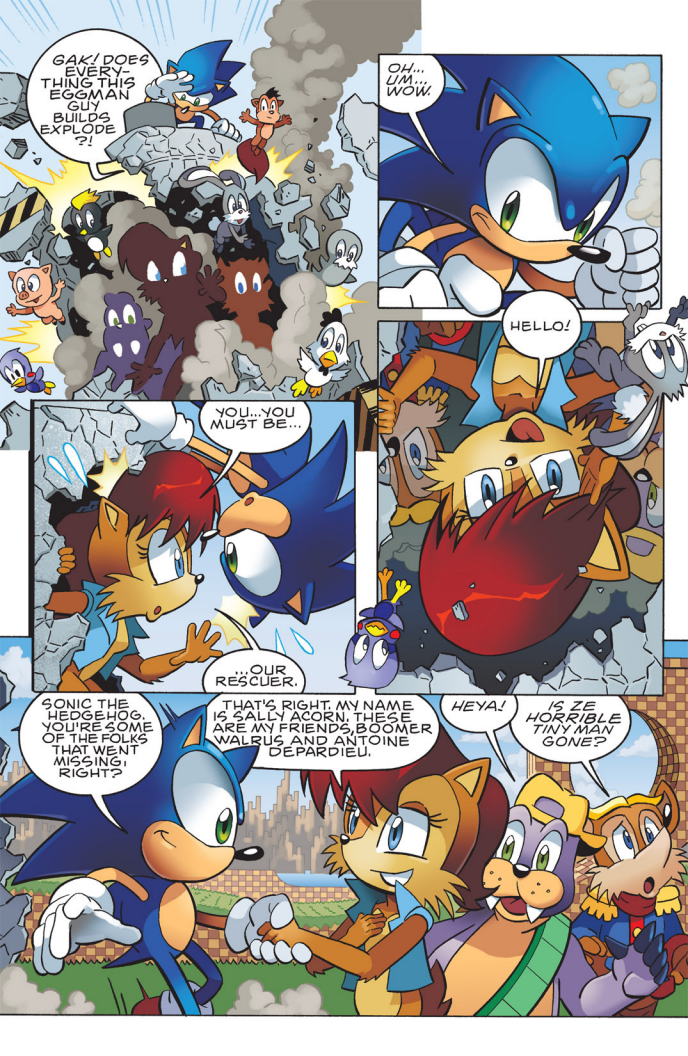

...AND NUMEROUS.
WHAT'S UP, GUYS?
OR IS IT GIRLS? DO ROBOTS GET GENDERS? HOW ABOUT A NAME--? I'LL CALL YOU GUYS...
...MOTOBUGS! WHICH SEEMS ...ODDLY APPROPRIATE.
LIKE... REALLY APPROPRIATE. *HUH.* I GUESS THIS SOLVES THE MYSTERY OF WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE ANIMALS, AT LEAST.

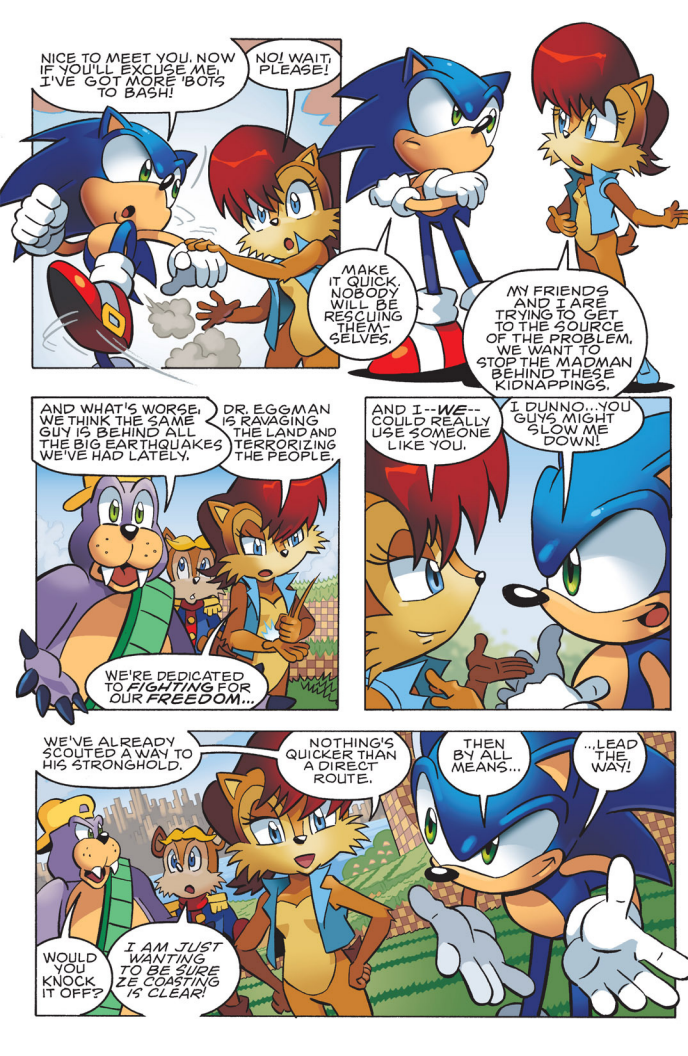
HEY, THERE.
SO...WHO BUILT YOU--
--AND WHY DID THEY THINK IT WAS COOL TO STUFF YOU FULL OF CRITTERS?
ALL RIGHT, BUDDY--MUSH! TAKE ME TO YOUR LEADER!
SOON...
AND WITH THAT, I'VE REACHED QUOTA.
UNCLE WILL BE SO PLEASED WITH--
--MEEK?!


WHAT--
--HOW--
--WHY?!
THE NAME'S "SONIC THE HEDGEHOG."
I RESPOND BETTER TO "WHO," BUT I'M FLEXIBLE.
ARE YOU THE GUY BEHIND ALL THIS?
ONLY IN PART. I AM SNIVELY, LOWLY SERVANT TO A GRANDER DESIGN.
THE DESIGNS OF MY BRILLIANT UNCLE, DR. EGGMAN! HE WILL BRING ORDER TO THESE WILD LANDS! ALL GREENERY WILL BE PAVED! ALL FILTHY ANIMALS WILL POWER SHINY ROBOTS! THE WORLD WILL NOT ONLY WORK LIKE...BUT *BE-COME* A WELL-OILED MACHINE!
WOW. WHAT A JERK.
HE'S BRILLIANT! BRILLIANT, I SAY!
NO, HE'S NOT!


BAH! AS IF YOU COULD UNDERSTAND, YOU SMELLY ANIMAL!
WHOA! NEAT TRICK!
I'VE GOT A FEW SURPRISES MYSELF!
H-HOW DID HE MOVE...
...THAT FAST?
FOR EXAMPLE...
GAH!
YOU FREAK OF NATURE--!
OVER HERE, NEEDLE-NOSE!


YOU SAY "FREAK"...
...I SAY "GIFTED."
YOU SAY "BLAH, BLAH, BLAH SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR UNCLE." I SAY, "GET LOST."
NO! IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
I MUST RETREAT!
UNCLE EGGY WILL KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT THIS!
SO LONG! FORGET TO WRITE!
I'M GOING TO FEEL REALLY STUPID IF THIS TURNS OUT TO BE A BOMB OR SOME-THING...
NOW... WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE HE HAS STASHED IN THIS THING?

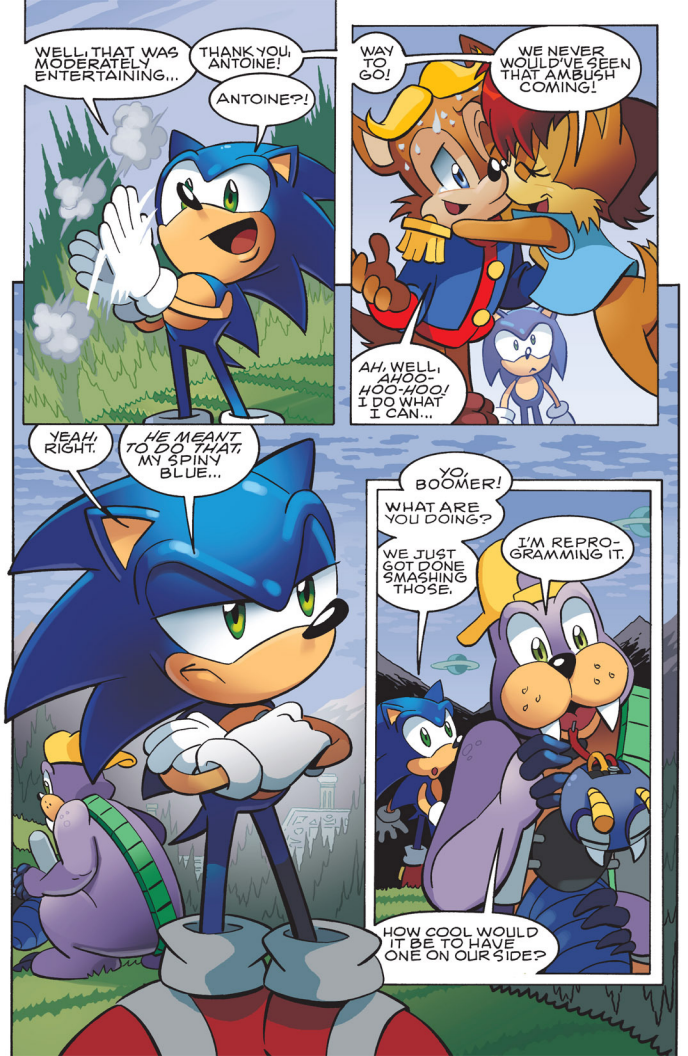

GAK! DOES EVERYTHING THIS EGGMAN GUY BUILDS EXPLODE?!
OH... UM... WOW.
HELLO!
YOU...YOU MUST BE...
...OUR RESCUER.
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. YOU'RE SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT WENT MISSING, RIGHT?
THAT'S RIGHT. MY NAME IS SALLY ACORN. THESE ARE MY FRIENDS, BOOMER WALRUS AND ANTOINE DEPARDIEU.
HEYA!
IS ZE HORRIBLE TINY MAN GONE?


NICE TO MEET YOU. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'VE GOT MORE BOTS TO BASH!
NO! WAIT, PLEASE!
MAKE IT QUICK. NOBODY WILL BE RESCUING THEM-SELVES.
MY FRIENDS AND I ARE TRYING TO GET TO THE SOURCE OF THE PROBLEM. WE WANT TO STOP THE MADMAN BEHIND THESE KIDNAPPINGS.
AND WHAT'S WORSE, WE THINK THE SAME GUY IS BEHIND ALL THE BIG EARTHQUAKES WE'VE HAD LATELY.
DR. EGGMAN IS RAVAGING THE LAND AND TERRORIZING THE PEOPLE.
WE'RE DEDICATED TO *FIGHTING* FOR OUR *FREEDOM*...
AND I--*WE*--COULD REALLY USE SOMEONE LIKE YOU.
I DUNNO...YOU GUYS MIGHT SLOW ME DOWN!
WE'VE ALREADY SCOUTED A WAY TO HIS STRONGHOLD.
NOTHING'S QUICKER THAN A DIRECT ROUTE.
THEN BY ALL MEANS...
...LEAD THE WAY!
WOULD YOU KNOCK IT OFF?
I AM JUST WANTING TO BE SURE ZE COASTING IS CLEAR!

LATER...
...AND WE'RE PRETTY SURE THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF UNDERGROUND PASSAGE THAT RUNS FROM THE MARBLE ZONE TO DR. EGGMAN'S LAIR.
I'LL ADMIT I HAD MY DOUBTS, BUT WE'RE DEFINITELY ON THE RIGHT TRACK NOW.
WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?
THE KILLER ROBOTS.
EEP!
CAREFUL, SONIC! THIS MODEL IS CALLED--
A CATER-KILLER!
OH, YOU'VE ...DONE RESEARCH YOURSELF?
...NO. IT JUST KIND OF... CAME TO ME.

AND THAT'S WHY THEY CALL YOU "BOOMER," RIGHT?
ALWAYS HAPPY TO HELP.
HERE COME MORE, BOYS!
I WOULD JUST BE GETTING IN ZE WAY. I SHALL WAIT OVER HERE, OKAY? OKAY!
THERE ...NICE AND SAFE.

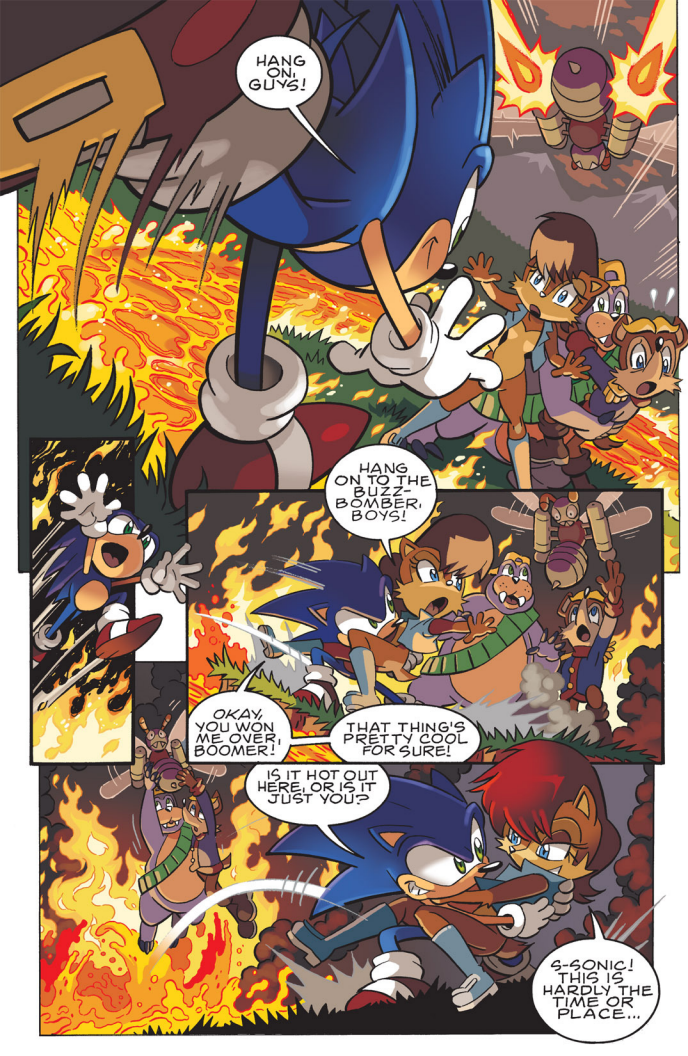
HELP!!! IL Y A DES CHAUVES-SOURIS!
EEEEEEK! AIDEZ-MOI! BATS!

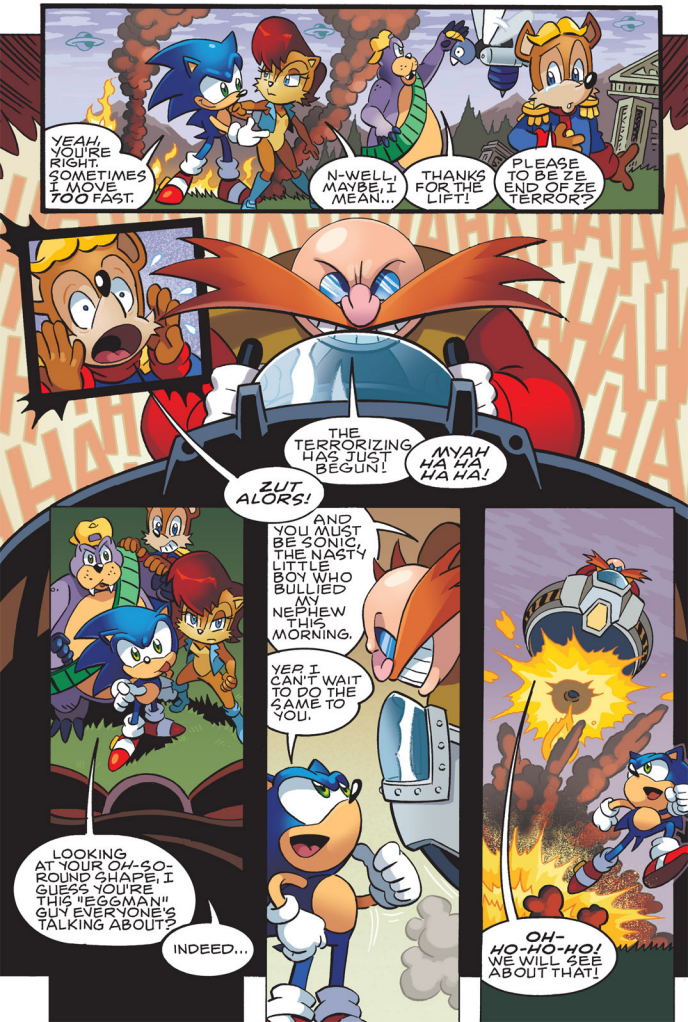

WELL, THAT WAS MODERATELY ENTERTAINING...
THANK YOU, ANTOINE!
ANTOINE?!
WAY TO GO!
WE NEVER WOULD'VE SEEN THAT AMBUSH COMING!
AH, WELL, AHOO-HOO-HOO! I DO WHAT I CAN...
YEAH, RIGHT.
HE MEANT TO DO THAT, MY SPINY BLUE...
YO, BOOMER!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE JUST GOT DONE SMASHING THOSE.
I'M REPRO-GRAMMING IT.
HOW COOL WOULD IT BE TO HAVE ONE ON OUR SIDE?

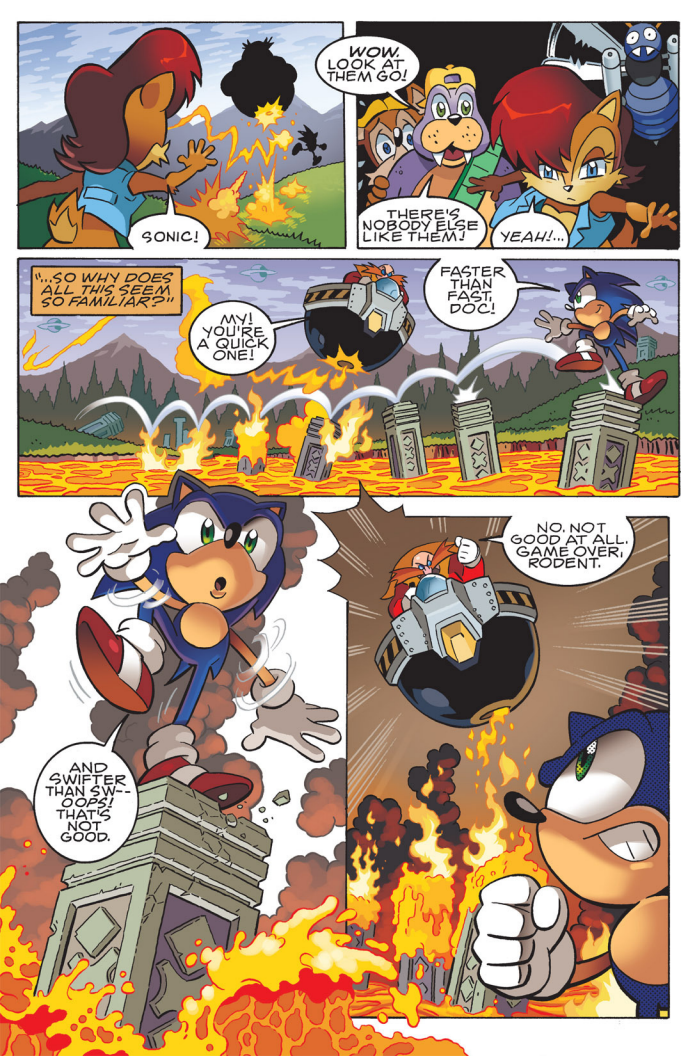
PRETTY COOL, I GUESS.
THE PROBLEM, THOUGH...
...IS WE WOULD NEED AN ANIMAL TO POWER IT.
I DON'T WANT TO STOOP..
...TO EGGMAN'S LEVEL.
MAYBE WE WON'T HAVE TO...
EXCUSE ME? COULD WE ASK A FAVOR OF YOU?
WOULD YOU RIDE INSIDE THE ROBOT FOR JUST A LITTLE WHILE? IT WOULD REALLY HELP US OUT.
SHE'S AGREED TO HELP US.
THANKS, LITTLE FLICKY!
IN YOU GO!

OKAY, THAT'S PRETTY COOL.
THINK YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME?
THEN LET'S CLEAR THE ROAD!

...WOW! LOOK AT THEM GO!
HA-HA! WAIT! FOR US!
EEEEEK!
ANOTHER EARTHQUAKE! BRACE YOURSELVES!
IT EXPOSED A MAGMA DEPOSIT! RUN!
ER... WHERE TO, SALLY?
SINKING! WE ARE SINKING!
WOW! THAT WAS WORSE THAN ANY OF THE LAST...
SONIC!!!


HANG ON, GUYS!
HANG ON TO THE BUZZ-BOMBER, BOYS!
OKAY, YOU WON ME OVER, BOOMER!
THAT THING'S PRETTY COOL FOR SURE!
IS IT HOT OUT HERE, OR IS IT JUST YOU?
S-SONIC! THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME OR PLACE...


YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT. SOMETIMES I MOVE 700 FAST.
N-WELL, MAYBE, I MEAN...
THANKS FOR THE LIFT!
PLEASE TO BE ZE END OF ZE TERROR?
THE TERRORIZING HAS JUST BEGUN!
MYAH HA HA HA HA!
ZUT ALORS!
AND YOU MUST BE SONIC, THE NASTY LITTLE BOY WHO BULLIED MY NEPHEW THIS MORNING.
YEP. I CAN'T WAIT TO DO THE SAME TO YOU.
LOOKING AT YOUR OH-SO-ROUND SHAPE, I GUESS YOU'RE THIS "EGGMAN" GUY EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT?
INDEED...
OH-HO-HO-HO! WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT!


SONIC!
WOW. LOOK AT THEM GO!
THERE'S NOBODY ELSE LIKE THEM!
YEAH!...
"...SO WHY DOES ALL THIS SEEM SO FAMILIAR?"
MY! YOU'RE A QUICK ONE!
FASTER THAN FAST, DOC!
AND SWIFTER THAN SW-- OOPS! THAT'S NOT GOOD.
NO. NOT GOOD AT ALL. GAME OVER, RODENT.

BAH! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
TAKE THAT, YOU TRAITOR! HA! HA HA HA HA--
--HA?
NOOOOO!!!

THAT TEARS IT! NO MORE TOYING AROUND WITH YOU!
ONCE MY MASTER PLAN IS COMPLETE, YOU WILL ALL SUFFER MY WRATH!
...JUST AS SOON AS I FIGURE OUT WHAT THAT PLAN IS. JUST WHAT IS THAT GLORIOUS BATTLE-STATION FOR...?
YO, SAL! TELL THAT FLICKY I OWE IT ONE!
YOU WERE VERY BRAVE.
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!
WELL, THAT WAS FUN. WHAT'S NEXT?
SERIOUSLY?! YOU'RE AMAZING!
I KNOW, I KNOW.
I'M SURE YOU DO.
THAT SHOULD BE THE WAY INTO THE UNDERGROUND PASSAGE.
HOW DOES IT LOOK, ANTOINE?
UM... PERILOUS?

WOW... HE'S NOT KIDDING.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT?
IT DOESN'T FEEL THAT WAY.
BEING WITH YOU GUYS SEEMS... RIGHT.
I'M GLAD YOU FEEL THAT WAY.
LET'S GO, GANG.
WE'LL SHOW EGGMAN HE SHOULDN'T HAVE MESSED WITH OUR WORLD!
WELCOME TO THE *BEGINNING* OF A *WHOLE NEW ADVENTURE!* WHAT *NEW PERILS* WILL OUR HEROES FIND IN THIS *NEW WORLD?*
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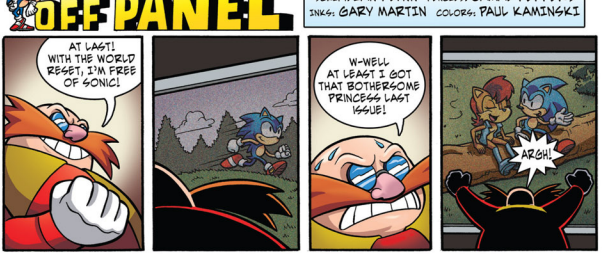

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Hey there, Sonic fans! You've been sending in your letters and letting your voices be heard concerning the aftermath of Sonic the Hedgehog #225! Here's some of what you wrote in to sonic@archiecomics.com and told us!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I am in tears because It really looks like Sally was killed off in issue 225. If you really killed Sally, then it is a terrible betrayal of all the fans who have been there since the very beginning of the Sonic the Hedgehog comics. I have nearly all 225 comics, and Sally is my favorite. I know she is not in the games, but please don't kill her off, and for the love of all things holy, DO NOT LET SONIC END UP WITH AMY!!! She is too young for him. I know she wished herself older, but that is still creepy!

Tearfully yours, Danielle J.

Feel better after reading this issue? Well I wouldn't breathe a complete sigh of relief just yet...Why?... You'll seeeee.....

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Archie Sonic, after reading the spoilers for #225, I admit I am disappointed and upset. I hope Sally isn't really dead, it would be a bad loss for the comic. Sally (and her relationship with Sonic) is a very important part of what makes the comic special for me. I thought you would have learned that lesson during "Endgame." If Sally is really dead, sorry to say, but I could no longer support the comic book.

Dana F.

Hang in there, Dana! The ride gets WILDER from here!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Sonic, don't freak out but I think your girlfriend is gone! I think I'll see her next issue in Sonic Genesis hopefully. You and Sally are meant to be a team and I like that! Please don't lose your memory soon! Classic Sonic better come back next issue or I'm disappointed! I love him cause that is the original Sonic. Playing Sonic games is my thing and so is reading Sonic comics! If we're going back to the days of yore with Sonic and Robotnik, that'll be awesome!!! It's a Sonic fan's dream to read a Sonic comic based on games especially the oldest ones such as Sonic Genesis 1, 2, 3, and 4!!! I can't wait! Woo-hoo!!!

Sonic's #1 Fan, Kristy C.

Looks like you were on to something there, Kristy!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
I loved StH#225. But the ending was sad. I'm sure you had a good reason for Sally's departure though. Anyway, I have two questions. 1) Will there be a major cast change for the series?

No. Well, yes. Well... no...not really...maybe a little...

2) Will Sonic Select Book 5 be all about Sally as a memorial?

Nope!

Oh, and one more question. Will I have to order countless back issues from the Sonic Checklist to see more of Sally from now on? (Homemade shameless plug)

You, sir, are awesome. And yes, you should be ordering tons of stuff from the Sonic Checklist at all times!

And finally, keep making the world's most way past cool comic way past cooler.

Troy M.

Thanks, Troy!

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Will it ever be explained what happened to Hershey St. John? Is she really dead? Is she going to make a comeback? She's one of my favorite characters and I was really surprised to hear about her death.

Cassandra S. Georgia

Stay tuned, Cassandra! You have my word that all will be revealed!

See ya next month!

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